



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
Tuesday, April 18, 2022**

Chief of Police:

During the previous 28 days the Police Department logged 160 calls for service. Calls include traffic stops, 911 calls or other miscellaneous calls service. The number is up by approximately 50% from our previous council report and we attribute it to an increase in self-initiated traffic stops.

Our newest officer, Cory Hansen, should complete field training by mid-May. Two full-time vacancies are still unfilled, but one of our current reserve officers, Jason Vela, would like to work full-time starting in June. Officer Vela is a master chief in the US Navy and will apply for full-time status next month. A few other applicants have been deemed not suitable for our agency.

Ruston officers have been part of an anti-racer strike team with Tacoma and Lakewood Police, the Sheriff's Office, and the State Patrol. In anticipation of increased presence by racers as the weather improves, the Department will also have its own emphasis patrol to enforce our SOAR ordinance.

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